



# Proclamation

## Presented

### In Recognition of Alzheimer's Awareness Month in Hawai'i

**WHEREAS**, the Hawai'i Department of Health's Executive Office on Aging highlights that the month of September is recognized throughout the United States and worldwide as World Alzheimer's Month, and September 21 as World Alzheimer's Action Day, and that *Hawai'i 2025: State Plan on Alzheimer's Disease & Related Dementias* calls for the month of September and September 21 to be similarly recognized in Hawai'i to align with world goals; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hawai'i Department of Health's Executive Office on Aging underlines that according to Alzheimer's Disease International, the organization which established World Alzheimer's Day and Month, the focus of the World Alzheimer's Report 2014 will be on "risk factors and prevention" with the theme "*Dementia: Can we reduce the risk?*"; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hawai'i Department of Health's Executive Office on Aging recognizes that, according to the Alzheimer's Association, there are approximately 25,000 people age 65 and older living with Alzheimer's disease in Hawai'i in 2014, a population expected to grow to 35,000 by the year 2025, an increase of 40 percent; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hawai'i Department of Health's Executive Office on Aging underscores that Alzheimer's disease and related dementias are considered a public health crisis around the world and in Hawai'i, and that one of the goals of the *Hawai'i 2025: State Plan on Alzheimer's Disease & Related Dementias* is to increase public awareness and engagement; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hawai'i Department of Health's Executive Office on Aging emphasizes that in order to fully address Alzheimer's disease we must increase early and accurate diagnosis of dementia, support research efforts, improve treatment after diagnosis, support our family caregivers, improve healthcare delivery systems, expand access to crucial home and community based services, and provide housing, financial and legal services that are affordable and accessible to all;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor** for the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim September, 2014, as

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in Hawai'i, and ask all citizens of the Aloha State to join us in facing the public health crisis of Alzheimer's disease with the hard work and effective collaboration required to meet the first goal of the National Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease: to prevent and effectively treat Alzheimer's disease by 2025.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this ninth day of September, 2014.

  
NEIL ABERCROMBIE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

  
SHAN S. TSUTSUI  
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i